

**HORLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
1 FEBRUARY 2018**

PRESENT: Chairman John Tite, Cllrs Simon Attfield, Graham Curd, Bob Barnwell, Jennifer Cross. Clerk to the Council David Marriott. Also in attendance District Councillor Douglas Webb

Item		Action
1	Apologies for absence Councillors Martin Hamer and Duncan Raper. County Councillor George Reynolds also sent his apologies.	
2	Declarations of interests None	
3	Minutes of the meetings held on 16 and 30 November 2017. Proposed by Cllr Attfield, seconded by Cllr Barnwell it was resolved that the minutes be agreed.	Clerk
4	Matters arising None	
5	Finance 2017/18 budget monitoring report The income and expenditure statement for the year to 31/12/17 was approved.	Clerk
6	Land Adjoining the Old Council Houses, Wroxton Lane It was noted that little progress had been made as the Council is still waiting for advice from Oxfordshire County Council as to what might be possible to provide parking on this land. It was noted that the County Council has agreed to relay the blocked highway drain which crosses this land, and the location of underground services has been marked. A small working party had cleared the land in January, and it was agreed that this area should be added to those being mown by the Council during the next grass cutting season.	Clerk
7	Planning report It was noted that the cricket club's application for a new pavilion had been approved as submitted, providing 23 off-street car parking spaces, rather than with 46 spaces as discussed at the meeting on 30 November. However, there may well be scope for additional overflow parking on the grass verge adjoining the new access road. It was noted that the consent contains a condition restricting the use of the premises to a sports pavilion, and it is understood that this means that the use of the bar for non-cricket club activities would not be in accordance with this consent. It was also noted that listed building consent has now been granted for the demolition of an outbuilding to the rear of Chapel Cottage.	Clerk
8	Applications for charitable donations It was noted that a request had been received from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, and agreed that a donation of £25 be sent.	Clerk
9	Highway Matters It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council has agreed to part fund the proposed new kerbing in Church Lane, reducing the cost to the Council to £6,121 plus VAT. However, the County Council will not have funds available to meet this commitment until the budget for 2018/19 is approved, later in February. It is anticipated that the work will be programmed as soon as the budget is confirmed. It was noted that some patch repairs had been carried out in Church	Clerk

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	Lane, and further repairs are planned for Hornton Lane, with the timing yet to be confirmed. It was also noted that, following a request by the Clerk, some gulley emptying had been undertaken in the village by the County Council.	
10	<p>Notice Board</p> <p>A request has been received that the management of the notice board be improved. The two sections open to the public are not currently managed actively, resulting in many redundant notices remaining in place for protracted periods, and many notices posted by people from outside the village offering goods or services. It had been suggested that one section be locked, and reserved for village notices only. It was agreed that Cllr Barnwell would monitor the board, removing notices after a period, rather than securing either of the public sections at this stage.</p>	Cllr Barnwell
11	<p>Reports from external organisations</p> <p>None</p>	
13	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 12 April 2018</p>	All
14	<p>Any other urgent business</p> <p>District Councillor Webb reported on Cherwell District Council's probable participation in the Oxfordshire Growth Board, which is expected to provide substantial funding for infrastructure investment in return for housing and business growth relating to the Oxford to Cambridge corridor. Some infrastructure spending may come to the north of the County. Councillor Webb suggested that the risk to parishes such as Horley would arise if housebuilders fail to develop on approved housing allocations, and if additional sites are sought. However, the existing robust Local Plan should control this.</p> <p>Councillor Barnwell raised the issue of the redundant telephone kiosk, and asked the clerk to chase BT again regarding the removal of this.</p> <p>Councillor Tite requested that the Council's appreciation be recorded of the excellent Christmas tree provided by Hadsham Farm, and erected over Christmas at the Red Lion.</p>	Clerk

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 pm